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*To the Citizens of the Town of Norwell :*

The Selectmen respectfully submit the forty-ninth annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the town during the year 1898.

The expenses in the various departments which come under our supervision show no increase in expenditures, but rather a decrease from that of last year.

In consequence of a reduction in State and County taxes, we were able to make the tax rate \$13.50 on \$1000. This, with few exceptions, is as low as any in the County.

Annually we find our bank and corporation taxes growing less, and it is evident that we cannot depend on this income much longer to meet the expenses in certain departments, as it has in the past.

The financial statement presents a better showing by some \$344.92 than in 1897, after deducting an asset which we have carried for some years. This is in the right direction and the town should not incur any more debt than it has at present.

The almshouse has remained under the same management as last year. The cost of maintaining the same is somewhat reduced. As the roof was in a very leaky condition we had it re-shingled and the cost is included in the almshouse expenses, making the total cost \$891.09.

The house was visited Sept. 27 and the following report concerning that visit we have received from Charles E. Woodbury, Esq., Inspector of Institutions. "The almshouse has not changed since the last visit. For an old house it is fairly comfortable, and it is well managed, and the inmates are kindly cared for. The lack of conveniences adds to the labors of management, but the sanitary condition is satisfactory." Our expenses outside are in total less than usual, although we have one case, Mrs. Litchfield and children, located in Weymouth, that must under the present conditions, continue to be of considerable expense to the town.

We have of late years had an annual snow expense exceeding five hundred dollars, and it is beginning to make somewhat of a drain on our treasury, in consequence of no appropriations having been made for that purpose; we would therefore recommend that \$500 be appropriated and raised for removing snow at the annual meeting.

We are pleased to note that the Grose factory in the west part of the town has resumed operations in the manufacture of shoes. We wish the promoters of this enterprise success, and that business establishments might be located in different sections of our town, that our citizens might obtain employment within its borders, and thus add to its valuation and population as a town.

As the last and final dividend has been received from the Maverick Bank we have dropped the balance as a town asset.



## REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER.

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Horace T. Fogg, Treas., in account with Town of Norwell.

### DR.

To cash on hand Jan. 15, 1898,	\$1,609 59
Dog tax of 1897, refunded,	246 96
Income Massachusetts school fund,	381 28
Refunded by Commonwealth :	
Corporation tax,	1,680 94
National bank tax,	919 14
For education of children ; Acts 1898, Chap. 100,	107 50
For Superintendent of Schools,	416 67
For support of State paupers,	33 50
For Inspector of Animals,	42 65
State aid,	1,586 50
Military aid,	23 00
Refunded by towns :	
Town of Duxbury, aid,	15 00
Town of Cohasset, aid,	51 70
Town of Holbrook, aid,	104 00
City of Boston, aid,	14 50
Town of Scituate, aid,	4 00
Town of Hingham, aid,	20 86
Town of Whitman, aid,	42 00
Town of Marshfield, aid,	20 00
Town of Hanover, aid,	78 45
Town of Rockland, tuition,	30 00
Individual aid, refunded,	12 00
Burial expenses, Edwin C. Litchfield, refunded,	15 00
Board of Everett Cushing refunded,	136 50

E. P. Joseph, cash refunded,	\$10 00
Wendall P. Thayer, license,	6 00
John B. Benson, license,	2 00
Corthell Bros., license,	1 00
W. W. Cutler, license,	1 00
Charles H. Wilder, license	1 00
S. C. Cudworth, cemetery fund,	18 00
Otis and Coffin poor funds,	81 50
Grass on town flats,	4 50
Fish rights,	7 25
Grass at Church Hill,	1 00
Grass in cemetery,	4 00
Lot in cemetery,	10 00
Almshouse, sale of produce, etc.,	39 48
Charles A. Bates, interest on mortgage,	35 00
Board of W. E. B. Thomas,	156 00
Second District Court, fines,	8 00
South Scituate Savings Bank,	8,500 00
Final dividend, Maverick Bank,	14 51
Interest on temporary deposit,	12 85
E. A. Turner, Collector of Tax of 1894,	2 65
Interest on above tax,	50
Assessment of 1898,	12,607 61
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	\$29,115 59

## CR.

By cash paid on Selectmen's orders,	\$15,384 44
G. A. R. Post 112, per vote of town,	100 00
H. T. Poole, per vote of town,	125 00
Alpheus Thomas, moderator, per vote,	4 00
Expenses Second District Court,	104 66
South Scituate Savings Bank, notes,	8,500 00
Interest on above notes and time loan,	619 36
Interest Coffin fund note,	100 00
Interest A. T. Otis poor fund note,	58 50
Interest Betsey B. Tolman note	13 50
State tax,	570 00

County tax,	\$1,449 27
Scituate tax,	13 26
Cash on hand to balance,	2,073 60
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	\$29,115 59

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE T. FOGG, Treas.

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

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Edwin A. Turner, Collector, in account with the Town of Norwell.

## 1894 TAXES.

	DR.	CR.
Jan. 21, 1899.		
To outstanding taxes of 1894,	\$29 94	
By cash paid Treasurer,		\$ 2 65
By outstanding taxes of 1894,		27 29
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	\$29 94	\$29 94

Interest collected and paid Treasurer on 1894 taxes to date, 50 cents.

## 1898 TAXES.

To assessment of May 1, 1898,	\$12,607 61	
By cash collected and paid Treasurer,		\$11,981 94
Deposited with the Treasurer in accordance with the vote of the town and provision in my bond,		625 67
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	\$12,607 61	\$12,607 61

EDWIN A. TURNER, Collector.

# ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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Value of buildings,	\$431,752	
"    "    land,	265,708	
	<hr/>	\$697,460
"    "    personal estate assessed,		162,997
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Total valuation,		\$860,457
Number of polls,	487	
Number paying poll tax only,	140	
Number of horses assessed,	453	
"            cows            "	208	
"            other cattle assessed,	58	
"            swine            "	63	
"            sheep            "	45	
"            fowl            "	8,517	
"            dwelling houses assessed,	448	
"            acres of land            "	12,075	
Assessors' certificate to collector,		\$12,607 61
State tax,	\$570 00	
County tax,	1,449 27	
Town tax,	9,950 00	
Overlaying,	638 34	
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		\$12,607 61
Rate of taxation, \$13.50 on \$1,000.		

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

## TAX OF 1897.

Laban B. Bates,	\$ 2 14
Frank White,	28
A. A. Campbell,	2 00
Rufus S. Delano,	9 70
E. E. Gunderway,	6 84
John Magnuson,	2 00
Abel A. Vinal,	15 96
Henry L. Munnis,	70
Sarah A. Studley,	3 57
Mary R. Turner,	7 00
Hingham Dairy Association,	4 55
Charles Jacobs, heirs,	4 57
Jane F. Stockbridge,	2 10
William Purtle,	2 00
Edwin I. Williamson, tax of 1898,	2 70
Total,	<hr/> \$66 11

THOMAS BARSTOW,  
 GEORGE W. GRIGGS,  
 ALPHEUS THOMAS,  
 Assessors of Norwell.

# SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS, SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS.

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

Paid,—

F. A. Prouty, labor and material,	\$84 85
Daniel Barnes, grading yard,	8 91
Charles H. Totman, labor and material,	5 08
C. H. Baker, labor,	1 25
Annie Sculley, cleaning,	7 00

\$107 09

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid,—

Brown & Lehan, labor and material,	\$74 30
C. H. Baker, grading yard,	5 00
Andrew Stockbridge, labor and material,	10 86
C. H. Baker, labor and material,	8 25
Mrs. E. Gunderway, cleaning,	6 00

\$104 41

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

Paid,—

Andrew Stockbridge, labor and material,	\$62 17
Geo. F. Welch, lumber,	7 51
E. W. French, repairs on clock,	75
G. S. Totman, labor,	2 00
Emma R. Totman, cleaning,	7 50

\$79 93

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

Paid,—

C. C. Merritt, water supply one year,	\$3 00
Anna O. Merritt, cleaning,	6 00

\$9 00

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Paid,—

William Sylvester, labor,	\$2 00
Levi N. Osborn, labor and material,	3 00
Mary A. Osborn, cleaning,	7 00
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\$12.00

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Paid,—

William Sylvester, labor,	\$2 00
Lizzie Spellman, cleaning,	5 50
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\$7 50

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

Paid,—

John McKee, water supply one year,	\$5 00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R. Co., freight,	1 67
Charles Simmons, grading yard and cleaning vaults,	18 00
Chandler Chair & Desk Co., school fur- niture,	72 73
Thomas Barstow, carting furniture, labor and material,	12 75
Levi N. Osborn, labor and material,	11 00
Eva L. Winslow, cleaning,	9 00
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\$130 15

\$450 08

Paid,—

Chandler Adjustable Chair & Desk Co., slating for blackboards, and chairs,	33 36
Levi N. Osborn, labor and material, set- ting slate in several school houses,	9 00
Thomas Barstow, carting, labor and ma- terial, setting slate in several school houses,	15 24



Litchfield & Curtis, supplies to several school houses,	\$5 71
Shepard, Norwell & Co., flags for schools,	16 50
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	\$529 89

## HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid,—	
F. J. Croning, cleaning,	\$6 00
Benjamin Loring, ribbon,	1 00
Thomas Barstow, material and labor on case,	3 95
Tryphena Whiting, transportation of drawing teacher,	8 50
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	\$19 45
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	\$549 34

## SCHOOL BOOKS, STATIONERY, ETC.

Appropriation,	\$350 00
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Paid,—	
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	\$78 03
American Book Co.,	117 54
Ginn & Co.,	25 50
Frost & Adams,	7 00
William Ware & Co.,	19 80
Allyn & Bacon,	7 50
P. P. Caproni & Bro.,	5 00
G. D. Damon & Son,	10 80
Hope Publishing Co.,	6 48
Oliver Ditson & Co.,	2 61
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	9 00
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.,	2 96
H. B. Loud & Co.,	13 50
W. E. Bonney,	2 00

A. J. Curtis,	75	
E. F. Blood,	78	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	58	
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		\$309 83

### CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS TO HIGH SCHOOL.

Appropriation,		\$300 00
Paid Marion G. Merritt,	\$305 50	

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Town appropriation,		\$250 00
Paid A. J. Curtis,	\$500 00	

### PAID TEACHERS.

Paid,—

E. F. Blood, Principal High School,		\$544 80
C. A. Record, " " "		315 79
Mattie S. Wilder, assistant High School,		319 00
Anna B. Morton, drawing, " "		45 00
Gertrude Jones, " " "		20 00
Della F. Nichols, District No. 1,		342 00
Charlotte R. Brooks, " 2,		342 00
Nellie M. Sparrell, " 3,		88 00
Mary A. Bailey, " 3,		96 00
Bessie S. Merritt, " 3,		120 00
Louise E. Ford, " 4,		342 00
Marion G. Merritt, " 5,		342 00
Lulu B. Tilden, " 6,		88 00
Nellie M. Sparrell, " 6,		216 00
Sophia M. Buttrick, " 7,		342 00
Maria W. Tolman, " 7,		304 00

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\$3,866 59

## HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES.—WEST WARD.

R. P. Briggs,	15	days at \$2.00,	\$30 00
Team and man,	48	1-2 hours at 50c.	24 25
E. C. Briggs,	11	2-3 days at 1.60,	18 68
Pat Gammon,	6	2-9 " 1.60,	9 96
Frank Studley,	2	" 1.60,	3 20
Andrew Clapp,	4	1-9 " 1.60,	6 58
Henry Fox,	3	2-9 " 1.60,	5 16
Wallie Damon,	2	1-3 " 1.60,	3 79
Alonzo Stoddard,	2	1-4 " 1.60,	3 65
George Crocker,	2	" 1.60,	3 20
Chas. Baker,	1	" 1.60,	1 60
E. Loring,	2	2-3 " 1.60,	4 37
Wm. Lapham and horse,	5	1-2 " 3.00,	16 52
Henry Studley,	6	5-9 " 1.60,	10 45
Samuel Loring,	10	" 1.60,	16 00
Geo. Bates,	4	5-9 " 1.60,	7 28
Daniel Barnes and 2 horses,	46	hours at 50c.	23 00
Bradford Poole,	5	5-9 days at 1.60,	8 90
Alpheus Thomas,	4	2-3 " 1.60,	7 48
Frank Vining,	1	" 1.60,	1 60
Timothy Sheehan,	10	5-9 " 1.60,	16 90
Man and horse,	5	2-5 " 3.00,	16 20
E. Jacobs and horse,	5	hours at 33 1-3c.	1 67
E. Jacobs and 2 horses,	18	" 50c.	9 00
C. E. Brewster and 2 horses	57	" 50c.	28 50
Wm. Hayden,	5	2-5 days at 1.60,	9 07
Geo. Vinal,	1	1-3 " 1.60,	2 13
Alvin Vinal,	3	4-9 " 1.60,	5 49
Daniel Sprague,	3	1-9 " 1.60,	4 95
Walter Simmons & 2 horses	70	hours at 50c.	35 00
Man,		1-2 day at 1.60,	80
Frank Marble,	1	3-8 days at 1.60,	2 20
Waldo Jones and 2 horses,	9	2-3 hours at 50c.	4 83
Joshua Freeman, 2 horses,	31	" 50c.	15 50
Wm. Farrar and 2 horses,	52	" 50c.	26 00
Geo. Rix,	1	2-3 days at 1.60,	2 67

Geo. Rix and 2 horses,	27	hours at 50c.	\$13 50
Geo. Wilder,	4	1-2 days at 1.60,	7 20
Geo. Smith,	3	1-2 " 1.60,	5 60
Simeon Damon,			1 50
William Collamore,	2	2-3 " 1.60,	4 28
Wm. Collamore & 2 horses,	26	hours at 50c.	13 00
Wm. Collamore & 1 horse,	8	" 33 1-3c.	2 67
Frank Damon,	6	days at 1.60,	9 60
Benj. Loring and 2 horses,	36	hours at 50c,	18 00
James Warner and 1 horse,	1	1-3 days at 3.00	4 00
J. H. Hackett,			5 85
George Vinal, gravel,			2 52
J. H. Hackett,			2 52
Samuel Loring,			3 60
B. Jacobs, est.,			6 00
C. A. Peterson, drain pipe,			2 72
Paid for printing road and bridge notices,			3 50
E. W. Gardner, iron work,			75
Total expended in West Ward,			\$493 39

### HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES—EAST WARD.

E. P. Joseph, 19 days at \$2,	\$38.00
" " 2 horses and 1 man 421 hours at 50c,	210.50
" " 1 " " 1 " 63 " " 33 1-3c,	21.00
Frank Baker, 14 hours at 20c,	2.80
Minot Williamson, 8 " " 20c,	1.60
Daniel R. Ewell, 10 " " 20c,	2.00
B. F. Burns, 27 " " 20c,	5.40
Charles Harris, 18 " " 20c,	3.60
John Monahan, 9 " " 20c,	1.80
John W. Burns and 2 horses, 27 hours at 50c,	13.50
Chas. A. Litchfield, 2 " and 2 men 43 h'rs at 70c,	30.10
" " " 13 loads gravel at 6c,	.78
John T. Moody, 2 horses and 2 men at 70c,	18.90
" " " 206 loads gravel at 6c,	12.36

John S. Gardner, 2 horses and 1 man, 27 hours at 50c,	\$13.50
John E. Leslie, 57 hours at 20c,	11.40
“ “ “ 27 1-2 days at 1.60,	44.00
Alexander Black, 45 hours at 20c,	9.00
“ “ 16 days at 1.60,	25.60
“ “ lighting Copper Corner bridge,	22.47
Cassius C Merritt, 40 hours at 20c,	8.00
Allen Merritt, 4 2-3 days at 1.00,	4.67
James H. Leavitt, 50 hours at 20c,	10.00
“ “ “ 1 day 2 1-2 hours at 1.60,	2.04
Charles S. Merritt, 17 hours at 20c,	3 40
Joseph H. Hatch, 2 horses and 1 man, 40 hours at 50 cents,	20 00
John F. Wilder, 34 1-2 hours at 20c.	6 90
Seth O. Fitts, 16 days at 1.60,	25 60
James Green and horse, 1 1-2 days at 3.00,	4 50
“ “ paving stone,	5 00
David Griffith, 3 days at 1.60,	4 80
Archie Merritt, 2 “ 1.60,	3 20
Henry Munnis, 2 “ 1.60,	3 20
Wm. D. Turner, 2 horses and 1 man, 41 hours at 50 cents,	20 50
Wm. D. Turner, plank and railing,	14 00
Edwin I. Williamson, 8 hours at 20c,	1 60
“ “ 6 days 5 3-4 hours at 1.60,	10 62
John Whalen, 2 horses and 1 man, 8 1-2 hours at 50c,	4 25
Wm. Monahan, 3 days at 1.60,	4 80
Charles M. Leavitt, 1 day at 1.60,	1 60
John B. Henderson, 1 man and 2 horses, 18 hours at 50c,	9 00
Frederick L. Henderson, 2 days at 1.60,	3 20
John F. Turner. labor on Copper Corner Bridge,	89 97
Total expended in East Ward,	<u>\$749 16</u>

Of the above expense in the East Ward there was expended for rebuilding Copper Corner bridge as follows :

John B. Henderson,	\$9 00
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Frederick L. Henderson,	\$3 20
Wm. D. Turner, labor, 11.50; plank and railing, 14.00,	25 50
Alexander Black, labor, 4.08; lighting 22.47,	26 55
John E. Leslie, labor,	4 08
Seth O. Fitts, "	4 08
E. P. Joseph, "	28 00
David Griffith, "	2 48
Edwin I. Williamson, "	88
James Green, paving stone,	5 00
John F. Turner,	89 97

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\$198 74

#### HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES—SOUTH WARD.

L. F. Hammond, 29 days at \$2.00,	\$58 00
" " man and 2 horses 315 hours at 50c,	157 50
" " man and 1 horse 6 days at 3.00,	18 00
" " man 4 "	1.60, 6 40
" " horse and cart, 1 "	1.50, 1 50
" " labor on pump,	1 00
Orlando H. Lake, 7 1-2 days at	1.60, 12 00
Geo. H. Lee, 14 days and 2 hours at	1.60, 22 76
Charles H. Kendall, 15 1-2 days at	1.60, 24.80
Frank E. White, 3 1-2 days at	1.60, 5 60
Frank Studley, 4 "	1.60, 6 40
Edward Couch and 1 horse, 19 days at	3.00, 57 00
" " 5 days at	1.60, 8 00
James W. Studley, 27 3-4 days at	1.60, 44 36
Edward C. Jordan, 8 3-4 "	1.60, 13 96
Alonzo B. Whiting, 3 1-2 "	1.60, 5 60
" " and horse, 9 days at	3.00, 27 00
George E. Torrey, and 2 horses, 52 hours at 50c,	26 00
Edgar E. Lee, 5 1-2 days at	1.60, 8 80



Albion Snowdale, 5 days 4 hours at	1.60,	\$8 72
Robert Montgomery, 12 days and 4 hours at	1.60,	19 92
Henry A. Turner labor and gravel,		5 02
Nathan S. Turner and 2 horses, 93 hours at	50c,	46 50
“ “ horse and cart 1 hour,		17
Charles Simmons and 2 horses 63 hours at 50c.		31 50
Expended for tools,		7 74
Repairs to road machine,		8 25
Edward Couch, labor and posts,		2 45
Charles W. Tilden, grating, River street,		2 00
Alvin Baker, stonework, River street,		2 00
Francis E. Henderson and 2 horses, 63 hours at 50c.		31 50
James B. Knapp and horse, 9 days at	3.00,	27 00
Charles Smith, 5 3-4 days at	1.60,	9 20
Arthur Henderson, 2 “	1.60,	3 20
Robert Henderson, 5 “	1.00,	5 00
W. R. Barker, 11 “	1.60,	17 60
John Corthell, 15 days and 3 1-2 hours at	1.60,	24 63
John H. Knapp, 4 days at	1.60,	6 40
Robert McKee, 4 “	1.60,	6 40
James Smith Jr., 8 days and 2 hours at	1.60,	13 16
Walter H. Briggs, 5 days at	1.60,	8 00
Joshua R. Barker, 239 loads gravel at 6c,		14 34
Frederick Kendall, 317 “ “ 6c,		19 02
Willard Torrey, 135 “ “ 6c,		8 10
Walter P. Newell, 39 “ “ 6c,		2 34
Thomas Barstow, labor on guide boards,		7 75
T. A. Lawrence, painting guide boards,		25 47
Also expended on account of washout at Barstow's		
Bridge, Feb. 1898:—		
Charles H. Kendall, 9 hours at 20c,		1 80
James W. Studley, 9 hours at 20c,		1 80
John Corthell, labor and lighting,		4 60
Fred Baker, labor,		3 00
Charles H. Cunningham, labor,		3 00
Charles Simmons and team,		4 50
Wm. S. Simmons and team,		4 50
Paid Alvin Baker for labor on Main street (contract,)		149 00

Appropriated by the town, \$225 00

There has been expended on Elm street the sum of \$307.00, which is included in the itemized account for the South Ward.

Appropriated by the town, \$300 00

Total expended in South Ward,	1,040 26
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### SUMMARY.

Total appropriations,	\$2,500 00
Expended by R. P. Briggs,	\$493 39
"    E. P. Joseph,	749 16
"    L. F. Hammond,	1,040 26
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	2,282 81
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Unexpended,	\$217 19

Respectfully submitted,

L. F. HAMMOND,  
E. P. JOSEPH,  
R. P. BRIGGS,  
Road Commissioners.

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### RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

To Mr. Henry Norwell,

Adopted by unanimous vote of the town, March 7, 1898.

WHEREAS, Henry Norwell, Esq., has annually, for the past ten years, given the town the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, making in the aggregate twenty-five thousand, which has been used in repair of its highways, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we, the citizens of the town of Norwell



in town meeting assembled, appreciating his very generous gift, desire to tender him our most sincere thanks for the same.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on record, a copy sent to Mr. Norwell and published in the next annual report.

HENRY A. TURNER,  
WILLARD TORREY,  
GEORGE W. GRIGGS,  
Committee on Resolutions.

Norwell, March 7, 1898.

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#### SNOW EXPENSE—SOUTH WARD.

L. F. Hammond and 1 horse, 2 1-2 hours, at 50c.,	\$1 25
L. F. Hammond, man and 2 horses 14 1-2 hours at 75,	10 88
L. F. Hammond, two horses 21 hours at 40,	8 40
L. F. Hammond, man 10 hours at 25,	2 50
L. F. Hammond, man 21 hours at 20,	4 20
Robert Montgomery, 15 hours at 25,	3 75
Robert Montgomery, 21 1-2 hours at 20,	4 30
James W. Smith and 1 horse, 3 1-2 hours at 50,	1 62
James W. Smith, 3 hours at 20,	60
Edward Couch and 1 horse 15 1-4 hours at 50,	7 75
Edward Couch, repairs on snow plow,	1 50
Edward Couch and horse, 3 hours at 40,	1 20
Edward Couch, 5 hours at 20,	1 00
John Corthell, 11 hours at 25,	2 75
George W. Barrell, 24 hours at 20,	4 80
Edgar E. Lee, 12 1-2 hours at 20,	2 50
Patrick Magoun, 8 hours at 20,	1 60
Martin A. Prince, 15 1-2 hours at 20,	3 10
Wallace Chapel, 10 hours at 20,	2 00
George H. Lee, 14 hours at 20,	2 80
Emery Winslow, 15 hours at 20,	3 00
Charles Smith, 17 hours at 20,	3 40

Charles S. Merritt, 4 hours at 20,	\$ 80
Whitman Soule, 3 hours at 20,	60
Francis E. Henderson, 10 hours at 25,	2 50
Francis E. Henderson, horse 2 hours at 25,	50
Francis E. Henderson, 17 hours at 20,	3 40
Robert C. Henderson, 7 1-2 hours at 15,	1 12
William S. Simmons, two horses 12 hours at 50,	6 00
John H. Hobson, 9 hours at 20,	1 80
John H. Knapp, 9 hours at 20,	1 80
Thomas C. Sampson, 9 hours at 20,	1 80
Fletcher C. Hatch, 10 hours at 20,	2 00
Warren B. Wrightington, 3 1-2 hours at 20,	70
James W. Studley 25 1-2 hours at 20,	5 10
Alexander Wetherbee, 7 hours at 20,	1 40
C. H. Brownell, 7 hours, at 20,	1 40
George W. Smith, 18 hours at 20,	3 60
Ralph Gardner, 8 hours at 20,	1 60
Richard S. Winslow, 20 1-2 hours at 20,	4 10
Alonzo B. Whiting, 7 hours at 20,	1 40
Fred H. Baker, 2 1-2 hours at 20,	50
I. H. Packard, 19 1-2 hours at 20,	3 90
W. R. Barker, 6 3-4 hours at 20,	1 35
Frank White, 16 hours at 20,	3 20
Harold Stetson, 3 3-4 hours at 15,	57
Ames Plow Company, 1 dozen snow shovels,	2 50
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	\$128 54

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#### SNOW EXPENSE—EAST WARD.

E. P. Joseph, 2 horses and 1 man 34 hours at 75c,	\$25 50
E. P. Joseph, 2 horses and 2 men 15 hours at 80,	12 00
E. P. Joseph, 2 horses and 1 man 36 hours at 60,	21 60
Thomas J. Studley, repairs on snow plows,	7 00
John T. Moody, 18 hours at 25,	4 50
John T. Moody, 23 hours at 20,	4 60
Henry Munnis, 10 hours at 20,	2 00

Caleb D. Litchfield, 5 1-2 hours at 25,	\$1 38
Harry Litchfield, 7 hours at 25,	1 75
Herbert F. Litchfield, 6 hours at 25,	1 50
George A. Osborn, 10 1-4 hours at 20,	2 05
Harold Osborn, 2 1-2 hours at 20,	50
Scott Osborn, 2 1-2 hours at 20,	50
Levi N. Osborn, 10 1-4 hours at 20,	2 05
John E. Leslie, 11 hours at 20,	2 20
Luther Litchfield, 1 1-4 hours at 20,	25
John R. Litchfield, 7 1-2 hours at 20,	1 50
Charles Harris, 7 hours at 20,	1 40
C. C. Merritt, 7 1-2 hours at 20,	1 50
Archie Merritt, 12 1-2 hours at 20,	2 50
Chauncey D. Litchfield, 11 1-4 hours at 20,	2 25
Philip Litchfield, 13 3-4 hours at 20,	275
James H. Litchfield, 19 hours at 20,	3 80
Joseph W. Hatch, 9 hours at 20,	1 80
George W. Richardson, 3 hours at 20,	60
Edward Bates, 3 hours at 20,	60
Atwood L. Ford, 8 1-2 hours at 20,	1 70
Orlando R. Litchfield, 10 hours at 20,	2 00
Philip Jouett, 7 hours at 20,	1 40
Oscar Wagner, 7 hours at 20,	1 40
Robert N. Leavitt, 18 hours at 20,	3 60
George H. Turner, 9 hours at 20,	1 80
Ambrose Cox, 8 1-2 hours at 20,	1 70
Floyd Cox, 5 hours at 15,	75
Alexander Black, 16 hours at 20,	3 20
Charles H. Bates, 10 hours at 20,	2 00
Edwin I. Williamson, 4 hours at 20,	80
John Whalen and 2 horses, 9 hours at 60,	5 40
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	\$133 83

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#### SNOW EXPENSE—WEST WARD.

E. C. Briggs and 2 horses, 22 hours at 75c,	\$16 50
E. C. Briggs, 2 horses 15 hours at 40,	6 00

E. C. Briggs, 18 1-2 hours at 20,	\$3 70
Joseph Briggs, 3 hours at 25,	75
Joseph Briggs, 9 hours at 20,	1 80
Frank Vining and 1 horse, 13 hours at 50,	6 50
George E. Farrar, 5 hours at 25,	1 25
Andrew Stockbridge and 2 horses, 10 hours at 75,	7 50
Daniel F. Bates and 1 horse, 8 hours at 50,	4 00
Walter Simmons and 2 horses, 21 2-3 hours at 75,	16 25
Walter Simmons and 2 horses, 31 1-2 hours at 60,	18 90
C. E. Brewster and 2 horses, 8 1-3 hours at 75,	6 25
C. E. Brewster and 4 horses, 2 1-2 hours at \$1,	2 50
A. W. Thomas, 5 1-2 hours at 25,	1 37
A. W. Thomas, 3 1-2 hours at 20,	70
A. F. Farrar and oxen,	4 87
H. Penniman, 10 hours at 20,	2 00
Patrick Gammon, 6 hours at 25,	1 50
Patrick Gammon, 13 1-2 hours at 20,	2 70
Wm. H. Farrar and 2 horses, 15 2-3 hours at 75,	11 75
Wm. H. Farrar, 12 hours at 20,	2 40
A. W. Robinson, 7 hours at 20,	1 40
Hiram Damon, 7 1-2 hours at 25,	1 87
Hiram Damon, 11 1-2 hours at 20,	2 30
Frank Damon, 13 hours at 20,	2 60
Rufus Winslow, 3 hours at 20,	60
William G. Collamore, 14 hours at 20,	2 80
Leonard Winslow, 10 hours at 20,	2 00
Robert Thompson, 14 hours at 20,	2 80
J. Totman, 4 hours at 20,	80
Daniel D. Sprague, 17 hours at 20,	3 40
George W. Rix, 12 hours at 20,	2 40
D. Barnes, 13 hours at 20,	2 60
W. Damon, 12 1-2 hours at 20,	2 50
William Lapham, 21 hours at 20,	4 20
Benjamin Loring,	2 00
John Sheehan, 6 hours at 20,	1 20
J. H. Hackett and horses,	10 00
Henry Studley, 6 hours at 20,	1 20
Henry Pratt, 5 hours at 20,	1 00

A. Farrar, 7 hours at 20,	\$1 40
Charles Hines, 9 1-2 hours at 20,	1 90
Timothy Sheehan, 20 hours at 25,	5 00
Timothy Sheehan and horse,	3 00
Samuel Loring, 2 hours at 25,	50
Samuel Loring, 11 hours at 20,	2 20
Edson Lewis, 6 hours at 20,	1 20
Ralph Wilder, 3 hours at 10,	30
R. P. Briggs, 6 hours at 20,	1 20
J. Gunderway, 8 1-2 hours at 20,	1 70
Wallace Chapel, 8 hours at 20,	1 60
A. E. Beach, 8 1-2 hours at 20,	1 70
S. H. Thomas, 8 1-2 hours at 20,	1 70
George Vinal, 2 hours at 25,	50
O. W. Lambert, 5 hours at 20,	1 00
Joshua Freeman and 2 horses, 3 hours at 75,	2 25
Joshua Freeman 8 hours at 20,	1 60
Waldo Jones and 2 horses, 2 hours at 75,	1 50
J. J. Scully, 4 hours, at 20,	80
J. D. Stoddard, 2 1-2 hours at 25,	63
J. D. Stoddard, 9 hours at 20,	1 80
Charles Scully, 1 1-2 hours at 20,	30
E. L. Loring, 8 hours at 25,	2 00
E. L. Loring, 13 hours at 20,	2 60
Alpheus Thomas, 8 hours at 25,	2 00
Alpheus Thomas, 10 hours at 20,	2 00
C. F. Scully, 6 1-2 hours at 20,	1 30
Charles Curtis, 4 hours at 20,	80
E. F. Brown, 11 hours at 20,	2 20
Carl Richardson, 19 1-2 hours at 20,	3 90
Bert Richardson, 16 hours at 20,	3 20
Earl Richardson, 16 hours at 15,	2 40
Benjamin Richardson, 6 hours at 20,	1 20
Albion Damon, 5 hours at 20,	1 00
Henry Maines, 16 hours at 20,	3 20
William Hayden, 14 hours at 20,	2 80
Alonzo Stoddard, 16 hours at 20,	3 20
Henry W. Winslow, 5 hours at 20,	1 00

Andrew Clapp, 10 hours at 20,	2 00
E. Jacobs, 12 hours at 20,	2 40
P. House, 6 hours at 20,	1 20
John Enolds, 26 1-2 hours at 20,	5 30
Alvin Vinal, 17 hours at 20,	3 40
W. L. Boynton, 9 hours at 20,	1 80
Henry Fox, 4 hours at 20,	80
L. Gardner, 5 hours at 20,	1 00
G. E. Farrar, 5 hours at 20,	1 00
G. H. Bates, 4 hours at 20,	80
Herbert Gardner, 5 1-2 hours at 20,	1 10
Mason Loring, 6 hours at 20,	1 20
J. P. Jones, 7 hours at 20,	1 40
Geo. W. Jones, 8 1-2 hours at 20,	1 70
C. H. Totman, 10 3-4 hours at 20,	2 15
J. H. Prouty, 11 1-2 hours at 20,	2 30
Frank A. Prouty, 7 hours at 20,	1 40
W. Prouty, 6 hours at 20,	1 20
Adelbert Gouch, 11 hours at 20,	2 20
D. B. Chandler, 7 hours at 20,	1 40
William E. Wilder, 9 1-2 hours at 20,	1 90
B. B. Pool, 10 hours at 20,	2 00
M. Shehan, 8 hours at 20,	1 60
J. Shehan 12 hours at 20,	2 40
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	\$279 09

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### SUMMARY.

Snow expense, South Ward,	\$128 54
Snow expense, East Ward,	133 83
Snow expense, West Ward,	279 09
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Total,	\$541 46



## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

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Appropriation, \$2,500 00

### ALMSHOUSE EXPENDITURES.

Value of articles on hand Jan. 1, 1898, \$417 00

Bought during the year :

Paid,—

Burbeck & Brett, grain and flour,	94 92
L. F. Hammond, coal,	25 80
E. Clough & Co., supplies,	106 07
W. W. Cutler, meat,	36 21
Chas. A. Berry, fertilizer,	38 00
Litchfield & Curtis, supplies,	91 97
A. A. Page, fish,	12 76
Phillips, Bates & Co., lumber, etc.,	86 01
W. S. & R. P. Briggs, ice,	4 40
M. McDevitt, crackers,	9 36
W. P. Thayer, shoes,	8 00
David Torrey, oil cloth carpeting,	11 76
John Monahan, dry goods,	20 55
George W. Griggs, labor and stock,	41 75
George W. Robbins, wall paper,	3 25
T. A. Lawrence, paint stock,	2 29
Levi N. Osborne, mason work,	1 50
Damon & Clapp, killing swine,	3 00
C. E. Brewster, pigs,	4 00
D. W. Turner & Son, fertilizer, grain and boards,	29 90
H. J. Little, M. D., attendance,	5 00
Torrey & Baker, clothing,	11 00

Patrick McNicol, wood,	\$19 50
J. H. Corthell, meat,	5 03
Corthell Brothers,	31 24
C. W. Tilden, smith work,	14 65
C. L. Rice & Co.,	4 65
H. T. Fogg, insurance,	40 00
F. L. Smith, services as superintendent,	300 00
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\$1,062 57

Articles bought for cash by superintendent,—

1898.

Soap and washing powder,	\$2 00
Household utensils,	4 07
Groceries,	9 97
Fish,	3 81
Fruit and berries.	6 75
Fruit trees,	5 00
Dry goods,	1 20
Oil,	90
Disinfectants,	1 50
Street lamp,	75
Labor, rolling ground,	1 50
Sundries,	2 15
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\$39 60

## ALMSHOUSE RECEIPTS.

Vegetables sold,	\$28 60
Calf,	5 40
Butter,	2 56
Milk,	38 80
Fowl,	3 12
Eggs,	60
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\$79 08



## ARTICLES ON HAND, JANUARY 1, 1899.

6 tons English hay,	\$75 00
1 ton oat fodder,	9 00
1-2 ton meadow hay,	4 00
Corn fodder,	5 00
Grain,	5 00
Flour,	4 00
Pork,	10 00
Lard,	2 00
Butter,	4 00
Groceries,	6 00
2 cows,	75 00
1 horse,	40 00
1 hog,	15 00
29 hens,	15 00
45 bushels potatoes,	30 00
50 bushels carrots,	20 00
50 bushels beets,	12 00
Manure,	25 00
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	\$356 00

## SUMMARY OF ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

On hand January 1, 1898,	\$417 00
Amount bought during the year.	1,102 17
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	\$1,519 17
Alms house receipts during the year,	79 08
Due for board of W. E. B. Thomas,	156 00
Board and lodging of 74 tramps,	37 00
Articles on hand January 1, 1899,	356 00
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	628 08
Total cost of Poor in Alms house,	<hr/>
	\$891 09

## AID TO POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

## BELLA FREEMAN.

Paid Worcester Hospital for board,	\$169 46
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## BRIDGET SHEA.

Paid Commonwealth of Mass. for board,	109 20
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## JOSEPH S. LITCHFIELD.

Paid,—	
Taunton hospital for board,	\$169 46
“ “ clothing,	12 32
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	181 78

## GEORGE LITCHFIELD.

Paid,—	
Town of Hingham, supplies,	\$140 01
Town of Rockland “	31 49
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	171 50

## HENRY STODDARD.

Paid,—	
Diana Pierce, for board,	\$22 00
John Monahan, for goods,	2 05
E. W. French, repairing shoes,	55
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	24 60

## MANDANA FREEMAN AND CHILD.

Paid town of Whitman, for supplies,	78 00
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## FAMILY OF WILLIAM T. HUNT.

Paid,—	
Town of Rockland, for supplies,	\$70 35
Albert Culver & Co., coal,	11 12
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	81 47

## ROLAND SYLVESTER.

Paid C. W. Sparrell, for burial,	\$10 00
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## EDWIN C. LITCHFIELD AND FAMILY.

Paid,—

Town of Weymouth, for supplies,	\$217 78	
John Reed, interest on mortgage of house occupied by Mrs. Litchfield,	52 00	
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## GUSTAVUS TOTMAN.

Paid H. F. Ford, house rent one year,	50 00
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## JOHN GUNDERWAY.

Paid Wm. P. Grovestein, M. D., attendance,	15 00
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## MARY ANN GARDNER.

Paid,—

John S. Brooks, supplies,	\$43 07	
H. J. Little, M. D., attendance,	40 00	
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## LORENZO CROMWELL.

Paid H. J. Little, M. D., attendance,	30 50
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## WIFE OF JOHN T. HATCH.

Paid C. H. Davie, M. D., attendance,	42 00
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## GEORGE W. SMITH AND FAMILY.

Paid H. J. Little, M. D., attendance,	23 50
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## CHARLES SABLES.

Paid C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, for burial,	\$25 00
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## HENRY W. WINSLOW AND FAMILY.

Paid H. J. Little, M. D., attendance,	69 75
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## MRS. JOHN FREEMAN.

Paid Litchfield & Curtis, supplies,	52 00
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## ALDEN BEACH.

Paid,—	
H. J. Little, M. D., attendance,	\$25 00
C. W. Sparrell, burial of child,	8 50
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	\$1,520 11

AID TO PERSONS HAVING SETTLEMENT IN  
OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS.

## CHARLES H. KENDALL. Boston.

Paid,—	
William S. Simmons, for wood,	\$2 50
Melvin Little, supplies,	12 00
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	\$14 50

## JOSIAH W. CHAMBERLIN. Holbrook.

Paid Melvin Little, supplies,	104 00
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## STEPHEN THOMAS. Duxbury.

Paid Wm. P. Grovestein, M. D., attendance,	15 00
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## WIFE OF A. W. SHEPHERD. Pembroke.

Paid Mrs. Charles Williamson, nursing,	\$15 00
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## MRS. L. F. CORBIN. Hanover.

Paid,—

C. A. Dorr, M. D., attendance,	\$51 00	
Annie Scully, nursing,	11 50	
Alpheus Thomas, paid for medicine,	3 40	
John S. Brooks, supplies,	10 05	
C. E. Brewster, wood,	2 50	
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## AMELIA BATES, Cohasset,

Paid E. Clough & Co., supplies,	51 20
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## MRS. BENJAMIN STETSON. Scituate.

Paid E. P. Joseph, for wood,	4 00
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## LEON W. GARDNER. Hingham.

Paid,—

Linscott & Bryant, supplies,	\$14 36	
H. M. Pratt for coal,	6 50	
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## GEORGE DYER. Weymouth.

Paid Litchfield & Curtis, shoes,	2 00
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Total,	<hr/> \$305 01
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## STATE CHARGES.

EDWARD C. JORDAN &amp; FAMILY.

Paid H. J. Little M. D., attendance,	\$23 00
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WILLIAM BROWN, SON OF MARY A. BROWN.

Paid Litchfield & Curtis, shoes &c.,	1 40
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	\$24 40

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SUMMARY.

Total amount paid for aid to out-door poor,	\$1,849 52
Cost of poor at Almshouse,	891 09
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	\$2,740 61
Less amount refunded by city and towns, \$305 01	
Less amount refunded by the State,	24 40
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	329 41
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Total cost of poor,	\$2,411 20

THOMAS BARSTOW,  
 GEORGE W. GRIGGS,  
 ALPHEUS THOMAS,

Overseers of the Poor.

## EXPENDED FOR SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

## JOANNA KEENE.

Paid Town of Hanover, 18 months house rent,	\$75 00
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## BENJ. F. LEE.

Paid,—

Town of Stoughton, for fuel,	\$7 13
Town of Pembroke, supplies,	4 00

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## LYMAN B. FITTS. Marshfield.

Paid,—

C. H. Davie M. D., attendance,	\$36 50
Cash,	20 00

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 56 50

## BENJAMIN F. BARRETT. Whitman.

Cash,	42 00
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Expenditures on account of soldiers' relief,	\$184 63
Less amount refunded by towns,	98 50

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Total cost,	\$86 13
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## STATE AID.

Paid State Aid under Chapter 301, Acts of 1894.

Charles D. Barnard,	\$48 00
David Bassford,	48 00
Benjamin K. Barrett,	40 00
Amanda Coleman,	48 00
Timothy B. Chapman,	27 00
John Corthell,	48 00

Josiah W. Chamberlin,	\$72 00
Charles H. Damon,	48 00
Hannah Dover,	24 00
Charles David,	72 00
Ensign B. Damon,	48 00
Lucy A. Damon,	36 00
Daniel R. Ewell,	72 00
Charles H. Farrar,	48 00
Seth O. Fitts,	60 00
Lyman B. Fitts,	72 00
John T. Hatch,	48 00
Harriet Jacobs,	27 00
Thomas R. Lawrence,	64 00
Charles M. Leavitt,	16 00
William H. Morse,	48 00
William O. Merritt,	48 00
John McKee,	54 00
Frederick A. Pratt,	48 00
David P. Robinson,	36 00
Harriet Raymond,	48 00
Edwin Studley,	48 00
Mary Shepherd,	48 00
George E. Smith,	8 00
Charles H. Totman,	48 00
George O. Torrey,	64 00
James H. Williams,	60 00
James W. Warner,	36 00
Esther M. Young,	48 00
Sarah Hatch,	48 00
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	\$1,668 00

Paid State Aid under Chap. 561, Acts of 1898 :—

Alice M. Ryan,	\$16 00
Mary E. Ryan,	16 00
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	\$32 00

Approved by Commissioners and due from State, \$1,700 00



## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid,—

Thomas Barstow, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor for 1898, and writing duplicate valuation book,	\$177 00
George W. Griggs, for services as above,	125 00
Alpheus Thomas, " "	125 00
Israel Hatch, services as school committee,	40 00
Marion G. Merritt, " " "	40 00
Benjamin Loring, " " "	45 00
Joseph C. Otis, services as registrar of voters (clerk),	20 00
" " services as town clerk,	18 00
John H. Prouty, services as registrar of voters,	15 00
E. M. Sexton, " " "	15 00
E. E. Stetson, " " "	15 00
Horace T. Fogg, services as treasurer,	100 00
George Cushing, services as auditor,	12 00
Edwin A. Turner, salary collecting taxes of 1897,	350 00
J. W. Foster, services as cattle inspector,	11 29
Edwin C. Briggs, " " "	3 00
Ashburton W. Pinson, services as cattle inspector,	30 25
Charles Simmons, services as fire warden,	5 00
Samuel Loring, " " "	2 00
Fred M. Curtis, posting warrants and services as truant officer, 1897-8,	21 15
H. J. Little M. D., services as board of health,	4 00
J. H. Corthell, services as election officer,	2 50
A. T. Stoddard, " " "	2 50
J. C. Otis, recording births, marriages and deaths,	18 05
C. W. Sparrell, returning deaths,	5 00
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	\$1,201 74
One-half the expense inspecting cattle refunded by the State,	22 27
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	\$1,179 47

## TOWN HALL

Paid,—

Fred J. Croning, services as janitor,	\$25 00
Litchfield & Curtis, supplies,	84
Wade & Beal, tuning piano,	2 00
Charles Simmons, repairs to flag staff,	2 50
Brown & Lehan, setting glass,	3 45

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\$33 79

## INCIDENTALS.

Paid,—

J. S. Smith, printing town reports,	\$92 45
“ “ “ for selectmen,	4 50
E. P. Joseph, labor on Union bridge,	20 50
“ “ opening Union bridge,	2 50
“ “ grading town landing,	15 00
Seth Foster, expressage,	12 40
Charles E. Abbott, pump, Main street,	15 00
Edwin A. Turner, printing and postage,	12 53
Thomas Groom & Co., tax record and order books,	11 50
Horace T. Fogg, town check book,	1 75
William S. Curtis, stationery for selectmen,	6 00
Alpheus Thomas, postage,	4 04
Litchfield & Curtis, postage and stationery,	10 89
J. C. Otis, printing,	3 00
Friend White, printing,	2 00
Marion G. Merritt, postage,	1 46
Frank Dyer, expressage,	3 80
Thos. Barstow, stationery and express,	3 27
Thos. Hearn & Co., binding book,	5 00
Greenough, Adams & Cushing, ink,	1 50
Fred Hallett & Co., dog license blanks,	1 60
Helen L. Fogg, use of vault by selectmen, 1 year,	8 00
N. Y. & Boston Express Co., expressage,	3 25
John Andrew & Son, 700 prints of E. T. Fogg,	9 00
Town of Pembroke, seeding ponds,	6 28

Walter R. Torrey, writing road contracts,	\$11 00
F. F. Douglas & Co., printing for selectmen,	1 50
J. S. Smith, printing tax bills,	4 00
B. B. Poole, burying horse,	1 00
H. J. Little M. D., returning births,	2 00
Gilman Osgood M. D., " "	2 00
Oliver H. Howe M. D., " "	25
Thos. J. Studley, returning deaths,	1 75
Patrick Gammon, watching fire,	2 00
William Studley, " "	2 00
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	\$284 72

### CEMETERY.

Received for burial lot,	\$10 00
" grass,	4 00
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	\$14 00

### RECAPITULATION.

Taxes abated,	\$66 11
School house repairs, cleaning, care of rooms, etc.,	895 34
School books, stationery, etc.,	309 83
Conveyance of scholars to High school,	305 50
Superintendent of schools,	500 00
Teachers' salaries,	3,866 59
Highway expenditures,	2,282 81
Snow expenses,	541 46
Town officers,	1,201 74
Town hall,	33 79
Incidentals,	284 72
Almshouse expenses,	1,102 17
Aid to out-door poor,	1,849 52
Soldiers' relief,	184 63

State aid,	\$1,700 00
Fuel for schools,	205 43
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	\$15,329 64

NORWELL, Jan. 24, 1899.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Collector, and find them cast correctly and proper vouchers for all payments made.

GEO. CUSHING, Auditor.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## LIABILITIES.

Notes in favor of South Scituate Savings

Bank,	\$9,500 00
Betsey B. Tolman note,	300 00
Coffin fund note,	2,000 00
Note in favor of the trustees of the A. T.	
Otis poor fund,	1,300 00

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 \$13,100 00

## ASSETS.

State school fund,	\$394 93
County school fund,	291 26
Due from State for State aid,	1,700 00
Due from State for aid to poor,	24 40
Due from Marshfield for Soldiers' relief,	36 50
Due from State for Superintendent and teachers' salaries,	416 67
Due on Granderson farm mortgage,	700 00
Due on corporation taxes,	79 34
Due from John F. Osborn, for board of wife at hospital,	254 70
Due from the State for cattle inspection,	22 27
Taxes outstanding in hands of Collector,	27 29
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	2,073 60

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 \$6,020 96

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## LIST OF JURORS.

To be presented to the town for acceptance or revision at the annual meeting.

William S. Simmons,  
Joseph C. Otis,  
Charles D. Barnard,  
Alpheus Thomas,  
William T. Lapham,  
Frederic W. Capell,  
Benjamin B. Poole,  
George W. Richardson,  
Henry J. Tolman,  
Joseph F. Merritt,  
Alfred H. Loring,  
George B. Ellms,  
John S. Gardner,  
Thomas J. Studley,

Nathan S. Turner,  
James E. Stoddard.  
John Corthell,  
William H. Richardson,  
George W. Curtis,  
Arthur T. Stoddard,  
George A. Ayling,  
Levi N. Osborn,  
James H. Studley,  
George W. H. Litchfield,  
George Cushing,  
Fred H. Baker,  
Joseph H. Corthell,  
Charles H. Dyer.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS BARSTOW,  
GEORGE W. GRIGGS,  
ALPHEUS THOMAS,

Selectmen of Norwell.

# TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE COFFIN POOR FUND.

Amount of fund, \$2,000 00

Loaned to the Town of Norwell at five per cent.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1898, \$118 30

Interest to Jan. 1, 1898, 102 82

\$221 12

Paid for care of cemetery lot, \$5 00

Paid for relief of out-door poor, 99 60

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1899, 121 52

\$221 12

## THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## TRUSTEES OF THE A. T. OTIS CEMETERY AND TOMB FUNDS.

Amount of funds deposited in South

Scituate Savings Bank,

\$1,500 00

Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1898, \$140 17

Interest to July 1, 1898, 65 86

\$206 03

\$1,706 03

Paid,—

E. A. Turner, \$10 00

C. W. Sparrell, 49 33

Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1899, 146 70

Fund on deposit Jan. 1, 1899, 1,500 00

\$1,706 03

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE SAMUEL C. CUDWORTH  
CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund Jan. 1, 1898, deposited in South Scituate Savings Bank,		\$200 00
Interest on deposit Jan 1, 1898,	\$15 62	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1899,	12 26	
	<hr/>	\$27 88
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		\$227 88
Paid for care of lot,	\$8 00	
“ Town Treasurer, as provided by terms of trust,	18 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1899,	1 88	
Fund on deposit Jan. 1, 1899,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$227 88

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE PRUDENCE C. DELANO  
TOMB FUND.

Amount of fund Jan. 1, 1898, deposited in South Scituate Savings Bank,		\$300 00
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1898,	\$16 39	
Interest to July 1, 1898,	12 76	
	<hr/>	\$29 15
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		\$329 15
Paid C. W. Sparrell, care of tomb,	\$5 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1899,	24 15	
Fund on deposit Jan. 1, 1899,	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$329 15



ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE JOSSELYN CEMETERY  
FUND.

Amount of fund Jan. 1, 1898, deposited in South Scituate Savings Bank,		\$200 00
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1898,	\$37 12	
Interest to July 1, 1898,	9 56	
	<hr/>	\$46 68
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		\$246 68
Paid for care of lot,	\$15 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1899,	31 68	
Fund on deposit Jan. 1, 1899,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$246 68

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE NANCY HERSEY CEMETERY  
FUND.

Received from the estate and deposited in the South Scituate Savings Bank, April 1, 1897,		\$100 00
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1899,	\$5 08	
Fund on deposit Jan. 1, 1899,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$105 08

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE A. T. OTIS POOR FUND.

Amount of fund,	\$2,000 00
Loaned to the Town of Norwell at 4 1-2 per cent,	1,300 00
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1898,	\$121 17
Received one year's interest on town note,	58 50
Income from house in Alabama,	7 98
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	\$187 65
Paid, in-door poor,	\$32 00
“ out-door poor,	45 70
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1899,	109 95
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	\$187 65

The house and land in Decatur, Alabama, has been sold to Gertrude B. Smith for \$700, with interest on deferred payments at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually. Payment has been made of \$100, — a part of the purchase money for said land, — and the remaining principal with the accruing interest to be paid in ten semi-annual payments, the first of which has been paid, as statement below shows.

Received, balance of sale after deducting taxes and commission for selling,	\$67 50
Received, first semi-annual payment,	78 00
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On deposit in South Scituate Savings Bank,	\$145 50

THOMAS BARSTOW,  
GEORGE W. GRIGGS,  
ALPHEUS THOMAS,

Trustees of Funds.

## CITIZENS' CAUCUS.

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The citizens of the Town of Norwell are requested to meet at the Town Hall, Norwell, on Saturday evening, Feb. 25, 1899, at half past seven o'clock, to nominate town officers for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may properly come before them.

PER ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

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### MARRIAGES RECORDED IN NORWELL IN 1898.

- Jan. 1. In Norwell, G. Millard Ramsdell of North Marshfield and Laura A. Dyer of Norwell, by Rev. Thomas Thompson.
- April 20. In Norwell, Henry C. Ford and Lulu B. Tilden, both of Norwell, by Rev. Thomas Thompson.
- April 20. In Norwell, George S. Corthell and Mary J. Hatch, both of Norwell, by Rev. Thomas Thompson.
- May 15. In Norwell, William H. Appleford and Edith B. Capell, both of Norwell, by Rev. C. H. Williams.
- June 11. In Hanover, David B. Chandler and Millie M. Thomas, both of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- June 11. In Norwell, Erwin H. Frost of Whitman and Jennie L. Ford of Norwell, by Rev. J. J. Tobey.
- June 30. In Charlestown, Henry T. Gunderway of Norwell and Ida C. Smith of Charlestown, by Rev. B. W. Farris.
- July 2. In Brockton, Ellsworth N. Wilder of Norwell and Lydia W. Finney of Brockton, by Rev. Justin K. Richardson.
- Oct. 15. In Hanover, Charles H. Curtis and Eliza A. Gunderway, both of Norwell, by Rev. John Wild.
- Oct. 18. In Hingham, James E. Baxter of Dorchester and Ella Loring of Hingham, by Rev. Charles H. Porter.

- Oct. 27. In Marshfield, Richard J. Taylor of Norwell and Ellen F. Arnold of Marshfield, by Rev. Thomas H. Goodwin.
- Nov. 2. In Norwell, John F. Turner and Emma J. Whitcomb, both of Norwell, by Rev. Thomas Thompson.
- Nov. 22. In Norwell, Mortimer D. Maxwell of Brockton and Ada P. Tilden of North Scituate, by Rev. Thomas Thompson.

## BIRTHS.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
January 17,	Elva Agnes Prouty . . .	Frank A. and Amy L.
27,	Herbert Austin Lincoln . . .	I. Austin and Mabel G.
30,	Lyman Irving Cromwell . . .	Mabel F. Cromwell.
February 18,	John Henry Gardner . . .	Leon W. and Maggie M.
March 7,	Donald Carter Wilder . . .	William E. and Lillie C.
April 17,	Frederick Samuel Olson . . .	Samuel and Isabel.
May 4,	Merton F. Rix . . .	George W. and Annie F.
5,	Daniel Wilfred Purtle . . .	William and Martha.
8,	Arthur Herman Osborne . . .	John F. and Emily E.
10,	Oscar Franklin Beach . . .	Alden and Rachael.
30,	Ruth Harriet Tolman . . .	Thomas J. and Jessie.
August 18,	Norwell O. Baker . . .	Henry O. and Ida.
September 6,	Clara Evelyn Jones . . .	Fred and Evelyn.
17,	George Dewey Hines . . .	Daniel and Mary.
October 8,	William Berger Hatch . . .	George S. and Anna.
Nov. 8,	Hazel Doris Damon . . .	Wallace H. and Fannie.
17,	Lillian Florence Ford . . .	Atwood L. and Florence.
29,	Otis Franklin Corthell . . .	George S. and Mary J.
December 8,	Minnie Francis Gardner . . .	E. W. and Roma.
18,	Howard Porter Robinson . . .	Asa W. and Louisa

The following three births occurred in town during 1897, but did not appear in the report of that year for the reason that no return of them was made to the Town Clerk until after the report was issued.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1897. April 10,	Horace Eugene Boynton . . .	Walter L. and Laura M.
" April 23,	Hazel Edith Torrey . . .	George O. and Martha J.
" Sept. 16,	Mary Elizabeth Hines . . .	Charles E. and Margaret.

The Town Clerk hereby gives public notice that he is prepared to furnish to parents, householders, physicians and midwives applying therefor, blanks for returns of births as required by law.

## DEATHS.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan. 5.	Roland L. Sylvester,		5		Unknown.
Feb. 2.	George K. Cushing,	91	2		Nephritis.
Mar. 16.	Mary Ellen Ellms,	6	11	18	Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.
Apr. 25.	Frank Warren Dyer,	21	2	24	Cerebral Hemorrhage.
July 17.	Violet Gurney Cromwell,		3	15	Unknown at present.
	21. Harriet Jacobs,	84	4	27	Apoplexy.
Aug. 15.	Ann Brown,	80	3		Softening of Brain.
Sept. 5.	Waldo Jones,	67		13	Pyelo-nephritis.
	17. Bethia Foster Corlew,	88	2	21	Old Age.
	28. Mary Lester,	62	6		Epilepsy.
	28. Walter F. Beach,		4		Gastro-Enteritis.
Oct. 1.	Deborah J. Ellms,	31		16	Phthisis.
	7. Abel A. Vinal,	84	8		Old Age.
	12. Nancy J. Vining,	61	3	17	Burn.
	15. Norwell O. Baker,		1	28	Infantile Diarrhoea.
Nov. 21.	Charles A. Adams,	42			Tuberculosis.
	27. Albert C. Tilden,	23			Accidental Drowning.
	27. John Burton Henderson,	24	7		" "
	27. Fred Lloyd Henderson,	22	3		" "
Dec. 13.	Charles Sables,	72			Heart Disease.
	19. Charles H. Damon,	58	3	14	Chronic Endocarditis.
	19. Anna J. Knapp,	28	8		Phthisis.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH C. OTIS, Town Clerk.





ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF NORWELL,  
FOR THE YEAR 1898.

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1899.



# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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*To the Citizens of Norwell:*

At the annual town meeting in March, 1898, Mr. Benjamin Loring was re-elected to the School Board. The Board therefore consists of the same members as last year, with Benjamin Loring chairman and Marion G. Merritt secretary.

## SUPERVISION OF SCHOOLS.

On the 16th of April the Committees of Hanover, Hanson and Norwell met in joint convention at Hanover and re-elected Mr. A. J. Curtis Superintendent of Schools.

There has been some talk in our town that a superintendent was not needed, but we have found that our schools have made a much greater and more rapid progress in the past five years than ever before. The work is made much easier for the teachers so that they are able to conduct larger schools without an assistant and teach more studies. It becomes more apparent each year that supervision is what we need, and we sincerely hope that nothing will occur to mar its efficiency or threaten its permanency, for the small amount it costs the town is but a trifle compared with the good it is doing in our schools.

## TEACHERS.

Our corps of teachers remains the same as last year with the exception of three schools. Miss Lulu B. Tilden, who resigned at the close of the spring term, was succeeded by Mrs. Nellie M. Sparrell who taught in Dist. No. 3. The

vacancy thus made was filled by Miss Mary A. Bailey, who taught one term and resigned for a school in Medway. At the election of teachers Miss Bessie S. Merritt was chosen to fill the vacancy in Dist. No. 3. Miss Merritt, who is a graduate of our High School, is giving great satisfaction and will undoubtedly make one of the best teachers in town.

By the resignation of Mr. E. F. Blood a change was made in the principalship of our High School. Mr. Blood had been with us five years and our High School made great progress under his care and we hope that the change will not interfere with the school work. Mr. Blood was succeeded by Mr. C. A. Record of South Paris, Maine. Mr. Record being a man of great ability and sterling qualities, and with such a thorough knowledge of the work that we feel our school under his care will make a greater progress than it has in the past.

Miss Gertrude Jones, a graduate of our High School, was elected drawing teacher in place of Miss Anna Morton, who resigned at the close of the spring term. Miss Jones has made drawing a special study since her graduation, and with her very good experience bids fair to be an honor to the town. We find she is doing better work and giving greater satisfaction to the scholars than we have ever had before, and sincerely hope we may be able to retain her.

## BOOKS.

There has been but very little change in the text books the past year. New geographies and histories have been purchased, also a series of Baldwin's readers, which we find to be more interesting and beneficial to the pupil than any we have had in the past.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

During the summer vacation a thorough inspection of the buildings was made, and such as were deemed absolutely necessary were repaired. In Dist. No. 2 the buildings were

painted, as they were greatly in need of it. In Dist. No. 1 the roof was shingled, as we found it in a very poor condition. In repairing the blackboards we deemed it advisable, for the good of the town, to purchase slate boards, therefore a half dozen were purchased and put in Districts 1, 3, 6 and 7, where we found them in the worst condition. The coming year we hope to place slate boards in some of the other schools. We were obliged to get new furniture for the Grammar school in Dist. No. 7, and we purchased the single adjustable chair and desk, which we find to be so much more comfortable and suitable for the pupils that we deem it advisable to have them placed in all the schools as soon as possible.

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

The transportation appropriation has been distributed by the same method as last year, and we hope for the further continuance of the same for the coming year. An appropriation of \$3,600 for the general school expenses will be sufficient for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN LORING,  
ISRAEL HATCH,  
MARION G. MERRITT.

# EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE APPROPRIATION

FOR THE WINTER TERM OF ELEVEN WEEKS OF THE  
YEAR 1898.

## District No. 1.

Della F. Nichols, teaching,	\$99 00	
Jerry Sheehan, care of room,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$104 00

## District No. 2.

Charlotte R. Brooks, teaching,	\$99 00	
Charles H. Baker, care of room,	11 50	
	<hr/>	\$110 50

## District No. 3.

Nellie M. Sparrell, teaching,	\$88 00	
Eva M. Totman, care of room,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$93 00

## District No. 4.

Louise B. Ford, teaching,	\$99 00	
Ralph D. Merritt, care of room,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$102 00

## District No. 5.

Marion G. Merritt, teaching,	\$99 00	
George Sylvester, care of room,	11 00	
	<hr/>	\$110 00

## District No. 6.

Lulu B. Tilden, teaching,	\$88 00	
Willie O. Henderson, care of room,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$91 00

## District No. 7.

Sophia M. Buttrick, teaching,	\$99 00	
Maria W. Tolman, teaching,	88 00	
Robert Montgomery, care of rooms,	6 00	
	<hr/>	193 00

## High School.

Edward F. Blood, teaching,	\$250 50	
Mattie S. Wilder, teaching,	88 00	
	<hr/>	\$338 50
A. J. Curtis, supervision of schools,		\$150 00

EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE  
APPROPRIATION

FOR THE SPRING AND FALL TERMS OF THE YEAR 1898.

## District No. 1.

Della F. Nichols, teaching,	\$243 00	
Waldo Jones, for wood,	13 50	
Rufus B. Farrar, labor on wood,	4 00	
Charles H. Totman, labor on wood,	4 00	
Jerry Sheehan, care of room,	5 00	
Bernard Scully, " " "	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$274 50

## District No. 2.

Charlotte R. Brooks, teaching,	\$243 00
Patrick McNicol, for wood,	13 00
Walter Simmons, " "	4 50
Simeon Damon, labor on wood,	6 85
Charles H. Baker, " " "	3 00
" " " care of room,	20 00

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\$290 35

## District No. 3.

Mary A. Bailey, teaching,	\$96 00
Bessie S. Merritt, "	120 00
Daniel D. Sprague, for wood,	13 75
Benjamin Loring, " "	4 50
Joseph F. Totman, labor on wood,	6 00
Eva M. Totman, care of room,	15 00

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\$255 25

## District No. 4.

Louise E. Ford, teaching,	\$243 00
C. A. Litchfield, for wood,	13 70
John E. Leslie, labor on wood,	4 50
Allen P. Merritt, " " "	1 50
Ralph D. Merritt, care of room,	6 00

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\$268 70

## District No. 5.

Marion G. Merritt, teaching,	\$243 00
Patric McNicol, for wood,	13 00
L. F. Hammond, " "	4 00
Edward C. Jordan, labor on wood,	7 50
George Sylvester, care of room,	27 00

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\$294 50



## District No. 6.

Nellie M. Sparrell, teaching,	\$216 00	
C. A. Litchfield, for wood,	6 25	
Seth O. Fitts, labor on wood,	3 00	
Willie O. Henderson, care of room,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$231 25

## District No. 7.

Sophia M. Buttrick, teaching,	\$243 00	
Maria W. Tolman, “	216 00	
Charles Simmons, for wood,	22 00	
Charles Kendall, labor on wood,	7 00	
Charles Cunningham, labor on wood,	2 00	
James Montgomery, care of room,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$502 00

## High School.

E. F. Blood, teaching,	\$294 30	
C. A. Record, “	315 79	
Mattie S. Wilder, “	231 00	
Anna B. Morton, “	45 00	
Gertrude Jones, “	15 00	
L. F. Hammond, for coal,	37 38	
Patrick McNicol, for wood,	6 50	
F. J. Croning, labor on wood,	4 00	
F. J. Croning, care of room, 18 months,	187 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,136 47
A. J. Curtis, supervision of schools,		\$350 00

## AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR THE PRESENT YEAR.

Unexpended balance from last year,	\$161 89	
Town appropriation,	3,600 00	
Supervision of schools,	250 00	
Refunded by the State,	167 67	
State school fund,	394 43	
Dog tax,	291 26	
State Board of Lunacy and Charity,	107 50	
Tuition of Rockland children,	30 00	
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		\$5,002 75
Amount expended,		3,603 02
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		\$1,399 73
Expenses to April 1, 1899, (estimated),		\$1,442 00
Deficiency (estimated),		\$42 27

# ABSTRACT FROM REGISTERS.

	WINTER TERM, 1898.						SPRING TERM, 1898.						FALL TERM, 1898.					
	Number Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	Number of Tardy Marks.	Number of Visitors.	Number Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	Number of Tardy Marks.	Number of Visitors.	Number Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	Number of Tardy Marks.	Number of Visitors.
No. 1 Mixed	. . . 37	36.05	32.62	.90	10	20	38	33.25	30.54	.91	9	38	42	39.5	36.83	.93	10	24
No. 2 Mixed	. . . 22	22	18.61	.84	9	8	19	19	16.96	.89	5	42	24	24.38	22.34	.92	6	16
No. 3 Mixed	. . . 16	15.8	12.5	.79	15	14	18	17	14.75	.86	0	25	16	15.5	13.42	.86	4	22
No. 4 Mixed	. . . 32	30.15	28.16	.93	32	9	36	32.1	30.44	.94	49	26	40	32.4	29.82	.89	52	18
No. 5 Mixed	. . . 34	32.41	29.71	.91	43	15	33	28	25.97	.92	28	35	31	26	24.42	.93	16	28
No. 6 Mixed	. . . 19	16.74	15.16	.90	3	8	20	17.16	16.05	.93	7	29	17	16.25	15.15	.93	6	14
No. 7 Primary	. . . 30	24.28	22.98	.94	25	17	32	28.2	25	.89	16	43	30	27.6	24.4	.88	9	16
No. 7 Grammar	. . . 15	15.1	14.32	.94	10	18	16	15.28	14.46	.95	1	43	22	20.8	18.9	.91	3	19
High School	. . . 42	40.3	35.21	.87	1	11	40	37.6	35.35	.94	0	20	31	31	30.7	.99	2	27

SCHOOLS.

## NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL.

CLASS OF '98.

## GRADUATION EXERCISES.

Class Motto : "Unity is Power."

Class Colors : Red, White and Blue.

## GRADUATES.

Mary Elizabeth Brooks.	Amy Wilder Curtis.
Alice Griggs.	Sarah Francis Richardson.
Minnie Gertrude Robbins.	Winifred Tileston.
Edgar Clifford Bates.	George Austin Osborne.
Ernest Henry Stoddard.	Roy Franklin Vining.

## ORDER OF EXERCISES.

MUSIC.

PRAYER.

SINGING—The Light of Youth, School

SALUTATORY AND ESSAY—The Real Use of Science and  
Art, Alice Griggs

ORATION—Out in the World, Ernest H. Stoddard

SOLO, Amy W. Curtis

DISCUSSION—Was it Expedient for the United States to  
Interfere with Spain?

Roy F. Vining, George A. Osborne,

Winifred Tileston, Mary E. Brooks.

MUSIC.

HISTORY, Amy W. Curtis

PROPHECY, Minnie G. Robbins

SINGING, Male Quartette

CLASS WILL, E. Clifford Bates

ESSAY AND VALEDICTORY—Effect of Nature in Character  
Building, Sarah F. Richardson

SINGING—Bright Pictures on Memory's Wall, School

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.

BENEDICTION.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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*To the Members of the School Committee :*

The work done in the schools has been similar to last year's, and the same care and interest shown by the teachers and pupils.

Changes among the teachers have occurred in the High school and in Nos. 3 and 6.

After a service of five years Mr. Blood resigned his position. His school work was thorough and satisfactory, as the number of pupils that have entered the Normal schools shows.

In a selection of a teacher to fill the vacancy, you were exceedingly fortunate. Mr. Record is an experienced teacher, and the interest he has shown, since he entered upon his duties, indicates that the standard of the school will be maintained.

At the end of the winter term Miss Lulu Tilden resigned her position in No. 6, and Mrs. Nellie Sparrell, at her own request, was transferred from No. 3 to this school.

Miss Mary Bailey taught the spring term in No. 3, but during the summer vacation sent in her resignation, having secured a position in another town. Miss Bessie Merritt was elected to the vacancy, which she has filled very acceptably. During the summer Miss Morton, teacher of drawing in the High school, resigned to accept a position in Chelsea, and Miss Jones, a Norwell girl and graduate of our High school, succeeded her. Miss Jones has charge of the drawing in the Whitman, Rockland and Hanover schools, and her work is very satisfactory.

Could the schools below the High school have the benefit

of a drawing teacher, more efficient results would be secured. One day a week would be sufficient, which would allow each school to be visited every two weeks.

Concerning drawing, a Massachusetts superintendent says: "Drawing should develop the child to see accurately, truly, and with insight, and the complementary part of this is the training of the hand to express the true image conceived in the brain. The right idea of proportions, accuracy of expression in all things, freedom from exaggeration, and a clear perception of the right line of truth are some of the results. The practical advantage of drawing should not be lost sight of, and the work so shaped that all, whatever the occupation, will be thankful to have learned to draw in youth. There should be placed before the pupils copies of the standard works of art, casts, works of coloring of high order and copies of the best designs in architecture. The habit of seeing good works of art cultivates the taste for that which is good, makes it possible to appreciate the beautiful, and gives greater enjoyment to life. Much good work could be done in this line by citizens and patrons of the schools in forming themselves into an organization to study school-room decoration and from time to time give pictures or statuary, and thereby help to develop that faculty in the children which is too little noticed."

The introduction of vertical writing into the schools has been productive of good results, and in the legibility of the writing there is marked improvement.

The gradual replacing of the old and worn-out blackboards with slate, and the changing of the double desks to the single desk and chair are two very important things that will be greatly appreciated by the teachers and pupils. The double seats and desks are objectionable in many ways, and they are fast giving way to the single desk and chair. Where the double desks are used the appearance of the school is not so pleasing; it is not so orderly and quiet, for children will whisper and play when such excellent opportunities are afforded them; the discipline of the school is more exacting; complaints are frequent of one pupil taking the property of the



other ; the self-reliance of the pupil is diminished by copying his work from his neighbor ; the health of the pupil may be impaired ; and the best results in writing and drawing cannot be obtained, for the desks are not of sufficient width to allow the pupil to assume a correct and comfortable position. A change in desks has already been made in two schools, and if one or two could be furnished each year the expense would hardly be noticeable.

### READING.

One of the greatest aids of increasing the utility of the schools is supplementary reading. By it the pupil obtains a broader and more comprehensive knowledge of his respective studies.

It is now conceded by all educators that school instruction should be supplemented by reading matter for use by the pupils both in the school and in the home. Nearly all the publishing houses are issuing books which are intended to meet the needs of all children of school age ; from those who have just mastered the primer to those who are about to finish the high school course. Some of the books supplement the ordinary school readers, as a means of teaching reading ; some re-enforce the instruction in geography, history and natural science ; while others are specially designed to cultivate a taste for good literature.

By the addition of a few series each year, in a few years the schools would be quite well provided with supplementary reading.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

As the law regarding school attendance and the employment of children has been materially changed, three principal sections are here stated :—“Every child between *seven* and *fourteen* years of age shall attend some public day school in the town or city in which he resides during the entire time the public day schools are in session, subject to

such exceptions as are provided for in sections of this act. Every habitual absentee, that is, every child between seven and sixteen years of age, who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of any town or city of the Commonwealth, having no lawful occupation, habitually not attending school, and growing up in idleness and ignorance, upon complaint by a truant officer or any other person, and conviction thereof, may be committed, if a boy, at the discretion of the court, to a county truant school for a period not exceeding two years, or to the Lyman school for boys, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section twenty-eight of this act.

“No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment. No such child shall be employed in any work performed for wages or other compensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of the town or city in which he resides are in session, nor be employed at any work before the hour of six o'clock in the morning or after the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.”

From the preceding sections it is seen, that children from seven to fourteen years of age are expected to attend school the entire school year, and that no child under fourteen can be employed in any work for wages while the schools are in session. Fortunately we have had no habitual truants during the past year. Once in a while the truant officer has been requested to look up a child, which he has done quickly and efficiently.

ALBERT J. CURTIS,  
Superintendent of Schools.



## TRANSCRIPT OF ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT

FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 6, 1899,

AT 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Art. 3. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Auditor, Collector and Treasurer.

Art. 4. To choose all such Town Officers as the laws of the State and by-laws of the town require.

Art. 5. To bring in their votes "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town for the ensuing year?

Art. 6. What amount of money will the town raise for the support of poor and incidental expenses.

Art. 7. What sum of money will the town raise for the support of schools.

Art. 8. What sum of money will the town raise for highway repairs.

Art. 9. What compensation will the town make for removing snow, and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 10. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected the ensuing year.

Art. 11. Will the town accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

Art. 12. Will the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 13. To hear and act on the report of any committee heretofore chosen.

Art. 14. To make allowance to town creditors.

Art. 15. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the use of Post 112, G. A. R., on Memorial Day.

Art. 16. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the payment of State and military aid.

Art. 17. What sum of money will the town appropriate to pay the Superintendent of Schools.

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Art. 18. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to pay for the transportation of scholars to the High School.

Art. 19. Will the town give any instructions to town officers.

Art. 20. Will the town cause a statement of their financial affairs to be printed in February next.

Art. 21. Will the town revoke the vote whereby they voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 158, of the Statutes of the year 1871, relating to Road Commissioners.

Art. 22. What sum of money will the town raise for repairs of school houses and incidentals.

Art. 23. Will the town repair Mill street and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Art. 24. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended in the cemetery on Washington street.

Art. 25. Will the town, with the town of Marshfield, rebuild Union Bridge. Of what material; and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 26. Or act or do anything relative to the above.

Citizens desiring additional articles in the warrant will present them to the Selectmen on or before Feb. 23, 1899.

THOMAS BARSTOW,

GEO. W. GRIGGS,

ALPHEUS THOMAS,

Selectmen of Norwell.

Norwell, Feb. 13, 1899.



